

BEFORE THE ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

In the Matter of

ANTOINE M. ADEM, M.D.

Holder of License No. 28703
For the Practice of Allopathic Medicine
In the State of Arizona.

Case No. MD-14-1606A

**ORDER FOR LETTER OF
REPRIMAND; AND CONSENT
TO THE SAME**

Antoine M. Adem, M.D. ("Respondent"), elects to permanently waive any right to a hearing and appeal with respect to this Order for a Letter of Reprimand; admits the jurisdiction of the Arizona Medical Board ("Board"); and consents to the entry of this Order by the Board.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Board is the duly constituted authority for the regulation and control of the practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

2. Respondent is the holder of license number 28703 for the practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

3. The Board initiated case number MD-14-1606A after receiving Respondent's self-report stating that he had been reprimanded by the Missouri Medical Board ("MMB") for making a false statement.

4. On or about July 7, 2008, Respondent provided a letter purportedly from another physician to the CEO of Jefferson Regional Memorial Hospital, which stated that the physician had reviewed Patient X's case and believed there was a reasonable indication for interventional treatment. Respondent drafted the letter without the physician's knowledge or permission.

5. Respondent reported that he attempted to contact the physician to do a quick review of the case, but was unable to reach him. Respondent explained that when he drafted the letter, he was confident that the physician, with whom Respondent had a prior professional relationship, would support Respondent's decisions and the care he provided

1 to Patient X. After the fact, Respondent did ask the physician to review the case, and the
2 physician supported the statements made by Respondent in the July 7, 2008 letter.
3 Respondent admitted that the decision to write the letter constituted a lapse in judgment.

4 6. As a result of his actions, the MMB publically reprimanded Respondent for
5 making a false statement in a document executed in connection with the practice of the
6 medical profession.

7 **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

8 a. The Board possesses jurisdiction over the subject matter hereof and over
9 Respondent.

10 b. The conduct and circumstances described above constitute unprofessional
11 conduct pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1401(27)(o) ("[a]ction that is taken against a doctor of
12 medicine by another licensing or regulatory jurisdiction due to that doctor's mental or
13 physical inability to engage safely in the practice of medicine, the doctor's medical
14 incompetence or for unprofessional conduct as defined by that jurisdiction and that
15 corresponds directly or indirectly to an act of unprofessional conduct prescribed by this
16 paragraph. The action taken may include refusing, denying, revoking or suspending a
17 license by that jurisdiction or a surrendering of a license to that jurisdiction, otherwise
18 limiting, restricting or monitoring a licensee by that jurisdiction or placing a licensee on
19 probation by that jurisdiction.").

20 **ORDER**

21 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

22 1. Respondent is issued a Letter of Reprimand.

23 DATED AND EFFECTIVE this 8th day of October, 2015.

24 ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

25 By Patricia E. McSorley
Patricia E. McSorley, Executive Director

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7. This Order is a public record that will be publicly disseminated as a formal disciplinary action of the Board and will be reported to the National Practitioner's Data Bank and on the Board's web site as a disciplinary action.

1 8. If the Board does not adopt this Order, Respondent will not assert as a
2 defense that the Board's consideration of the Order constitutes bias, prejudice,
3 prejudgment or other similar defense.

4 9. ***Respondent has read and understands the terms of this agreement.***

5 Antoine Adem
6 ANTOINE M. ADEM, M.D.
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DATED: 8/31/15

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9 EXECUTED COPY of the foregoing mailed
10 this 8th day of October, 2015 to:

11 Antoine M. Adem, M.D.
12 Address of Record

13 ORIGINAL of the foregoing filed
14 this 8th day of October, 2015 with:

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